

WITH THOUSANDS IN ATTENDANCE GREATEST OF REUNIONS WILL HAVE BRILLIANT OPENING TO-DAY

Reception Was Held Last Night at Lee Camp Hall.

MANY NOTED WOMEN THERE

Old Soldiers Delight to Grasp Hand of Daughter and Grandson of Great Commander.

Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Lee and Others in Receiving Line.

With a brilliant attendance of distinguished visitors from every section of the South the reception given in Lee Camp Hall last night by Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, proved one of the most memorable social events in the history of Confederate Reunion entertainments.

Decorated in red and white and brilliantly illuminated, the hall, as to exterior, beamed a welcoming invitation as soon as the eye rested upon it. Within the beautiful draping of the Confederate colors and flags and sheaves of red and white roses against the green of palm fronds filled every available space and nook, and rendered the decorations both artistic and complete.

Mrs. Jackson Delayed.
On the landing at the door, Mrs. J. J. White and Mrs. W. R. Vawter welcomed the guests as they passed in. Veterans from every camp in the State and many in the South were present, and were greeted with warm hand-shaking and evidences of Confederate comradeship on every side.

In a short time every attempt to maintain a receiving line was abandoned, owing to the press which rendered every inch of space necessary for standing room. Mrs. Stonewall Jackson's train being late, she could not be present, greatly to the disappointment of the many Confederate veterans who were most desirous of taking their old commander's wife's hand in their own.

They had the pleasure of greeting Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart, who came into the hall a little late, and who, though weary from her trip, had a kind word and a pleasant greeting for the many who were so anxious to meet her.

Greeted Colonel Lee.
It was a genuine joy for the old soldiers who had served under General Robert E. Lee to greet Colonel Robert E. Lee, Jr., of Fairfax, around whom they thronged.

"Now tell us just how you are related to the General," they said, "and just whose son you are" and Colonel Lee paused long enough in his hand-shaking to explain always.

There was not the least formality at the reception. Confederate feeling warmed every heart and shone in every eye. Every one talked with every one else. Cards were exchanged between hitherto strangers. And everybody exclaimed: "What a grand gathering!"

Governor and Mrs. C. A. Swanson were notable figures among the hundreds present. Mrs. Swanson looked extremely well, dressed in diaphanous white and caught the eye of all the old soldiers, as well as the old soldiers' wives by her unaffected grace and warmth of manner.

The Governor was as fresh and as alert as he always is, and ready to shake hands and say pleasant things by way of greeting.

Great Enthusiasm.

Mrs. W. H. F. Lee, the mother of Colonel Robert Lee, Jr., who is visiting Mrs. Benjamin Nash, on West Franklin Street, was one of the handsomest women present. As she was standing a little behind Mrs. Stuart, many persons did not for some time realize that she was in the hall.

Miss Mary Custis Lee stood well to the front and the visitors had an excellent opportunity to exchange a few words with her as they filed past.

The arrangements for the evening in charge of Mrs. Robert S. Johnston and her capable committee of assistants, were most perfectly carried out, there being not an untoward incident to mar the pleasure of the evening.

Charming young girls, dressed in white, passed hither and thither among the guests, dispensing hospitality in the most delightful manner.

It was wonderful to note the enthusiasm of feeling prevailing during the entire evening. Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, Mrs. Thomas S. Bocock, Mrs. Stephen Beveridge, Mrs. D. C. Richardson, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson and Mrs. J. Timberlake were among the members of Richmond Chapter who were active hostesses.

Mrs. Dabney Carr seconded their efforts most efficiently, and so did Mrs. Kate S. Winn, Miss Sallie Deane and others.

Among the guests of the evening was Mrs. Charles Morgan, of Baltimore, who came in with her sister, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson.

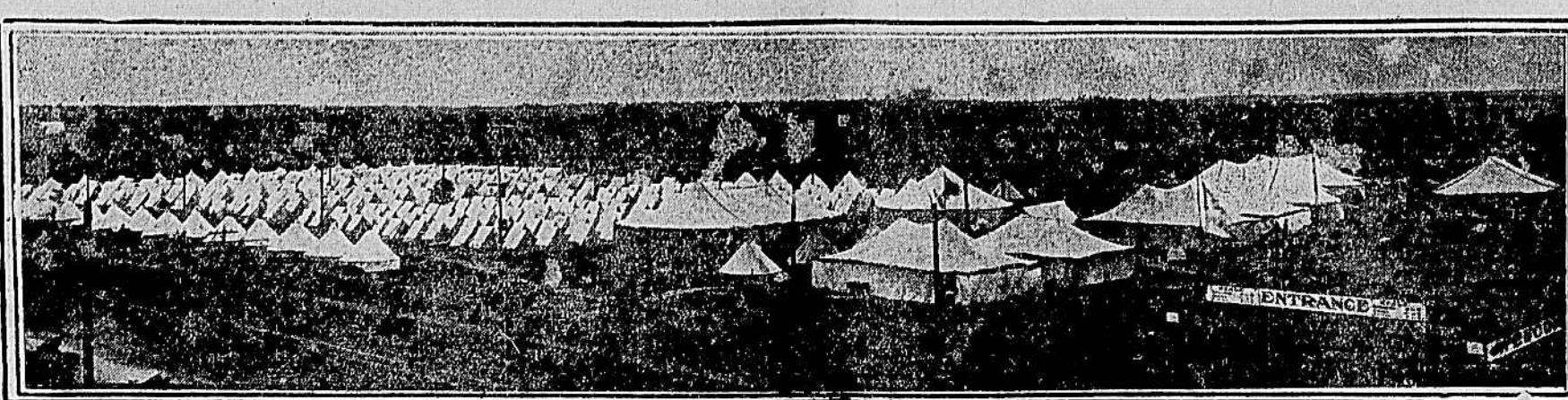
Great Crush.
The crowd present extended all the way down the stairs and for some distance up and down the street around the doorway. Those who went early congratulated themselves. Those who came late, exercised patience, and if they had enough of it, finally got in.

Dr. James Power Smith was kept very busy all the evening, shaking the hands of friends and comrades that he met on every side.

The opening social event of the reunion was a great success and, notwithstanding a splendid gathering for the week.

The crowd will probably surpass even the liberal expectations formed in regard to it, so great and widespread is the interest which the unveiling of the Stuart and Davis Monuments has excited throughout the entire South.

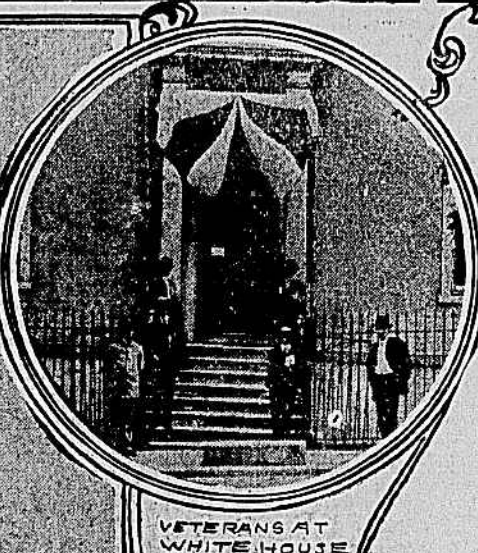
It is thought that to-morrow most of the sponsors and maids of honor will



GOING OVER THEIR BATTLES AGAIN.



CAMP GORDON.



VETERANS AT WHITE HOUSE OF CONFEDERACY.

Our Reunion Edition

Pay only two (2) cents for The Times-Dispatch to-day. The reunion supplement is included in the price of the paper.

LOVING TRIAL SENT TO HALIFAX COUNTY

Judge Barksdale Grants Petition of Defense for Change of Venue.

HEARING SET FOR JUNE 24TH

Counsel for Prisoner and State Apparently Satisfied With the Decision—Expense to Be Important Item in Transfer from Nelson.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.
LOVINGSTON, VA., May 29.—Judge Barksdale decided to-day that the trial of Judge W. G. Loving, for the murder of Theodore Estes, should begin at Halifax County, on the 24th day of June. Counsel for the defense stated after the decision was rendered that the move and the time were entirely satisfactory, and the attorney for the Commonwealth also indicated satisfaction at the place selected, since the case was not to be tried in Nelson County.

There is much dissatisfaction, however, among Nelson County people that the case is not to be tried in the county in which the crime was committed. This is natural, as Judge Barksdale pointed out in announcing his decision.

It may be that it is good evidence that the venue should be changed. I have seen several persons since the decision was rendered who, while opposing a change of venue, say that all things considered, the decision not to try the case in a locality in which the sentiment against the defendant is so strong was probably wise.

To Conduct the Case.

Mr. Wood Bolling, Commonwealth's attorney for Halifax County, will conduct the case for the Commonwealth, assisted by Daniel Harmon, of Charlottesville. It is understood that Commonwealth's Attorney Whitehead, of Nelson County, will also assist the prosecution, although relieved of the official duty of doing so.

Judge Barksdale discussed the motion for a change of venue in a very clear decision. It was evident that the majority of the defendant, setting forth the various reasons for asking a change, had a deciding effect upon the court. It was not evident that Judge Barksdale thought there was danger of violence being done the slayer of Estes. There may have been danger of this character at one time. There is certainly none now. There has never been the slightest danger of the mem-



CHILDREN REMEMBERING FOR THE HUMAN FLAG.



VETERANS REGISTERING AT CAMP GORDON.

Reunion Program for First Day.

MORNING.

U. C. V. Convention at Horse Show Building, 9:30 o'clock.

1. Calling convention to order by Major-General Smith Bolling, commanding Virginia Division.
2. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, Chaplain-General United Confederate Veterans.

3. Music. Address of welcome by Governor Swanson, on behalf of the State. Address of welcome by Mayor McCarthy, on behalf of the city. Address of welcome by B. B. Morgan, on behalf of the Sons of Veterans.
4. Announcement of committees.
5. Adjourn.

U. S. C. V. Convention at Auditorium, 9:30 o'clock.

1. Call to order by E. B. Thompson, commanding of Camp R. E. Lee, No. 1, Richmond.
Invocation by the Rev. John W. Caldwell, Jr.

2. Permanent organization.
3. Roll call of general officers, and of camps of the Confederation in numerical order by the adjutant-general.
Appointment of committee on credentials.

6. Convention will then take a recess and report to the Horse Show Building to participate in the opening session of the United Confederate Veterans.

C. S. M. A. Convention at Second Baptist Church, 10 A. M.

Convention called to order in Second Baptist Church, Franklin and Adams Streets, by Mrs. Shelton Chiles, vice-president of Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. W. R. L. Smith, pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Address of welcome by the president of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society.

Response by Mrs. W. J. Behan, president of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association. Adjournment. No business session.

Naval Survivors' Association at Murphy's Hotel, 10 A. M.

Association of Medical Officers of Army and Navy of the Confederacy at Y. M. C. A. Hall, 10 A. M.

AFTERNOON.
1. Parade. Column composed of Veteran Cavalry Association of the Army of Northern Virginia and other veterans, military companies, Sons of Veterans, Confederate Memorial Association, Jefferson Davis Monument Association, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Hollywood and other memorial associations, Common Council of the city of Richmond, will move promptly at this hour for the Stuart Statue. John W. Gordon, Chief Marshal; Captain J. Thompson Brown, Chief of Staff and Chairman of Parade Committee.

2. Prayer by the Rev. Walter Q. Hillihen, of Staunton, Va., who was a member of General Stuart's staff.

Address at the Stuart Statue by General Theodore S. Garnett, who was also a member of General Stuart's staff. General Garnett will be introduced by Major A. R. Venable, Jr., another of General Stuart's staff, and who was with the general when he received his death wound, and who brought him to Richmond.

The Hon. Carlton McCarthy, Mayor of the city of Richmond,

will accept the statue on behalf of the city.

4:30 o'clock.
2. Stuart Statue unveiled. Major-General's salute.

The veil will be drawn by Miss Virginia Stuart Waller, grandchild of General Stuart.

4:45 o'clock.
4. Parade. March resumed to Hollywood.

5:30 o'clock.
5. Coremony in Hollywood, including address by Rev. William Dudley Powers, D. D.

6:30 o'clock.
6. Salute, artillery and infantry. Taps.

NIGHT, 8:30 o'clock.

In the Auditorium Building, Linden and Cary Streets, under auspices of Sons of Veterans.

1. Call to order by James P. Banks, commander of Virginia Division.

2. Invocation by the Rev. John W. Caldwell, Jr.

3. Dr. Thomas M. Owen, commander-in-chief, introduced by Division Commander James P. Banks.

4. Formal address of welcome by Andrew Jackson Montague.

5. Response to the address of welcome by E. N. Scudder, of Vicksburg, Miss.

Music.

6. Presentation of all official sponsors, maids of honor, matrons of honor and chaplains by the Rev. John S. Foster, Petersburg, Va.

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RICHMOND CROWDED AS NEVER BEFORE

Veterans and Others Pour in from All Parts of the South.

HOMES FOR VETERANS

Captain Charles T. Locher, of the committee on information and quarters, with offices at No. 25 Shaffer Building, corner of Tenth and Main Streets, estimates that he has a list of between four and five thousand suitable quarters in private homes at reasonable rates.

All householders, boarding-houses and private homes in the city who have not yet reached their full limit of capacity, are urged to telephone him, No. 5508, at once, as to the number they can accommodate and the rate. All visitors who have not secured suitable and comfortable quarters should at once communicate with the committee on information and quarters.

All day yesterday streams of people poured out of the train sheds at the three principal depots of Richmond. From the far South crowds of people came in on special trains at all hours, over the Southern, the Coast Line and the Seaboard. The Chesapeake and Ohio brought in several trainloads from the far West, the Kentuckians, Missourians and those from Arkansas, coming largely by this route. The Norfolk and Western brought in the Memphis train and a host of people from Tennessee and the Southwest.

All day and far into the night people poured into the city, many without having made any previous arrangement for quarters.

Efficient representatives of the local camp of Sons of Veterans were at each of the stations, and gave every possible assistance to the visitors, directing the proper street cars and street locations. Those who had secured their quarters in advance were soon disposed of, but throughout the day an

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Crowds Exceed all Expectations and Capacity of City is Taxed.

BIG PARADE AND UNVEILING TO-DAY

Conventions Will Begin Work in Morning—Hollywood Memorial Exercises in Afternoon and Presentation of Sponsors in Auditorium at Night.

Far exceeding the wildest hope of the local committees, the army of Confederate veterans which has reached Richmond now numbers close to 10,000 men, and with the thousands of others who will arrive this morning the seventeenth reunion will open to-day with a promise of exceeding all others in the history of the organization.

Writers of fact and fiction delight to say and sing "of the thin gray line, which is fading slowly away," but to those privileged to watch the many commands of old soldiers which are invading this city, the gray line seems anything but thin, and the evidences of fading away are entirely lacking.

It is a sight to stir the blood and warm the heart—these bands of veterans marching once more along the streets of the city which was long ago the capital of the Confederacy.

The old soldiers, gay as lads and full of fire and enthusiasm, march with a swing, cheering and crying aloud the "rebel yell," greeting old friends and quickly making new ones, going over again the stirring times of war, recounting deeds of valor, and recalling memories of camping and battlefields. Each has his own peculiar hero to extol, each has an incident to tell, each thinks his own command the greatest and bravest of the war, but all unite in devotion to "the cause" and in loyalty to the Southland.

Thousands On Streets.

All through the day special trains emptied the loads of veterans, and along the streets, brilliant with flags and bunting, marched from dawn to midnight companies of the old soldiers, pilgrims once more to the "heart of the Confederacy." Some carried ancient battleflags, torn almost to rags by shot and shell, others proved the truth of a united country by marching under the Stars and Stripes, some wore the gray, some only civilian's clothes, some bore the marks of poverty, while others gave evidence of poverty and want, but all were once more soldiers in the army of the Confederacy, proud in the memory of great deeds accomplished and of glory that can never die.

Some of these men have not visited Richmond since the war ended, and their disappointment at not finding once familiar landmarks is pathetic. One seeks in vain for the house in which he was nursed when wounded; another tries to find residences long since pulled down, and not a few inquire for the "Spotswood House," the fashionable hotel of war time, which was burned in 1871. Last night an aged soldier called at headquarters and declared he must find the "Spotswood House," for his wife, he said, would write to him there.

City Covered With Flags.

Never has Richmond extended a welcome which exceeds in enthusiasm and wholeheartedness the one which has greeted the veterans. The city is simply covered with flags, business is at a standstill, for the people have only time to greet the "men in gray," whom they delight to honor.

At "Camp John W. Gordon," the scene is realistic, for a great forest of tents has sprung up, accompanied by mess-halls and kitchens. Here the rank and file of the veterans will live, enjoying the pleasures of camp life, with none of its evils.

"This is like war-time, with plenty to eat," exclaimed a veteran last night after having enjoyed a good supper in the mess-hall, and he added: "If we could have gotten such food during the war, we would have been fighting yet!"

All the old soldiers declared they were never so well cared for at a reunion as they have been here, and they say they do not care how long the reunion lasts.

One of the pitiful sights of the camp was an old fiddler, who, with one arm gone, played with the bow between his knees, plucking out old war-time airs such as "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and "Dixie." A great crowd stood around, and the old man's cap was full of silver before the evening wore away, for the familiar tunes brought aims as well as memories of the past. The fiddler was not the only pitiful example of the war, for many sleeves were armless, and many old men moved about on crutches and wooden legs, not without a certain pride in having given more than their fellows for their country.

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RAILROADS TO ANSWER NOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—Letters have been sent by the Interstate Commerce Commission to the officials of all the railroads in the country asking an interstate business requesting information as to the commissions or bounties paid to those who solicit or route freight or passenger business. The commission is engaged in com-

pling information respecting these matters so that it may issue a ruling covering the entire subject. It is desired that the information be in the hands of the committee by the 15th of June.

Denial for Mrs. Gould.
NEW YORK, May 29.—Clarence J. Shorn, counsel for Mrs. Howard Gould, stated to-night that his client had never asked for a settlement on

ner of \$1,000,000 from her husband.

BRYAN TO SPEAK AT EXPOSITION

NORFOLK, VA., May 29.—W. J. Bryan arrived in Norfolk to-night on a belated train, and to-morrow will be the orator of the day at the celebration of "Patrick Henry Day" at the Jamestown Exposition. "Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny" is the subject of Mr. Bryan's address, which will be delivered at 11 o'clock to-morrow.